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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TRANSCRIPT OF BUTLER STATEMENTS AT
DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN MONTEVIDEO, APRIL 7, 1978.

2. (BEGIN TEXT) AS YOU ALL KNOW, WE CAME HERE A WEEK AGO AS
PRIVATE NON-GOVERNMENTAL PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THE RULE OF LAW, AN INDEPENDENT LEGAL PROFESSION AND INDEPENDENT
JUDICIARY IN URUGUAY. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE PRESIDENT AND
TO OTHER HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOR ALLOWING US TO HAVE THIS
OPPORTUNITY FOR MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE VARIOUS
DEPARTMENTS OF GOVERNMENT AND WITH VARIOUS PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS
AND ORGANIZATIONS.

3. MY ESCORT, TO WHOM WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL JUST REMINED ME THAT
DURING THE WEEK WE HAVE HAD 28 SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS
PARTS OF THE URUGUAYAN SOCIETY. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE
HAVE PUT IN A DOCUMENT SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS WHICH WE ARE
MAKING TO THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT AS THE RESULT OF OUR EXPER-
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4. I AM DELIGHTED TO SAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY HAS
GIVEN US ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT INTENDES TO RELEASE A COMMUNIQUE
TODAY, TOGETHER WITH THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT. WE'VE HAD
A DIALOGUE, WE'VE COMMENCED A DIALGOUE WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND
WITH VARIOUS PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE. WE'VE GIVEN
DETAILED ATTENTION TO ALL OF THE VARIOUS OPINIONS OF SOCIETY
AND WE HOPE THAT THIS DIALOGUE WILL CONTINUE IN THE BEST

INTEREST OF ALL CONCERNED.

5. WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE COMPLETE AND UNINHIBITED COOPERATION AT ALL LEVELS OF THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT BOTH IN THE CIVILIAN SECTOR AND IN THE MILITARY SECTOR. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THE VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, THE PRESIDENT, HAVE BEEN MOST GRACIOUS AND GENEROUS WITH THEIR TIME.

6. THE PRESIDENT OF THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL, THE SUPREME MILITARY TRIBUNAL, THE GENERALS OF THE ARMY, THE NAVY AND THE AIR FORCE AND THE SUPREME COMMANDERS OF ALL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF URUGUAY HAVE EXTENDED TO US EVERY COURTESY AND HAVE GIVEN US MUCH OF THEIR TIME IN A MOST DETAILED MANNER. SO WE WILL HAVE TO REFER YOU ALL TO THE DOCUMENTS WHICH I UNDERSTAND WILL BE CIRCULATED-- AMONG YOU IMMEDIATELY. (END OF TEXT)
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